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M.Belley, et al.

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For:

(METHANESULFONYL)PHENYL-2(5H)-

FURANONES AS COX-2 INHIBITORS

Davis, Z.

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated March 19, 1999 setting forth a shortened statutory period for response ending June 19, 1999. Please amend the above identified patent application as set forth below.

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SP 1616 In re application of: M. BELLEY, ET AL. Serial No. 09/097,537 Filed June 15, 1998 Group Art Unit 1612 Examiner DAVIS, Z.

For: (METHANESULFONYL)PHENYL-2(5H)-FURANONES AS **COX-2 INHIBITORS**

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

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